

## 14:29-32

Guidelines for Prophets or the gift of prophecy:

1. Two or Three prophets should speak
2. The “others” (other prophets or other members of the congregation) should weight carefully what is said
3. If a revelation comes to another prophet while the first prophet is speaking, the first prophet should stop and let the other prophet speak
4. You can all prophecy
5. Prophecy in turn, do not talk while someone else is talking
6. Do this so everyone may be
  - a. instructed
  - b. encouraged
7. This can be controlled because “the spirit of the prophet is controlled by the prophet.”

## 14:33

In 1 Cor. 11:33 woman were being given instructions on proper prayer and prophecy in church.

1 Timothy 2:9-15

Some deal with these verses by saying they are additions to the text in the early 2<sup>nd</sup> century. This is not the case. The only proof is the difficulty of the verses.

This could refer to women not being allowed to interpret the prophecies, although they were allowed to prophecy.

This may refer to woman asking the prophets questions.

This may refer to disruptive behavior.

## 14:34

**“Women should remain silent in the churches”**

Two reasons are given:

1. They are **not allowed to speak**
2. They **must be in submission**
  - a. Source of authority for this church rule: **“the Law says”**

## 14:35

Why were they speaking? “. . .**they want to inquire about something”**

The provision for their questions being answered is: **“ask their own husbands at home”**

Point: **“It is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.”**

This appears to be focused on interrupting the service to have your own personal question answered. It may fall into the same category of self-edification. Paul may be saying don't interrupt the flow of the service for your own question. Wait and ask at home. Apparently women were praying and prophesying in church and Paul has stated that they “all pray in tongues.”

## 14:36

Sarcasm.

Did the Word of God come out of Corinth or is the Word of God going into Corinth?

Does every one have to come to Corinth to learn the Word of God or does the Word of God need to come to Corinth to teach?

**14:37**

If your gift is going to be accepted you better follow these directions.

**14:38**

Ignore the person and their gift if they ignore the written word of God

**14:39**

Be eager to prophecy.

Do not forbid speaking in tongues.

**14:40**

The point of these chapters: Do these things in a fitting and orderly way.

1. "fitting" means "decently, properly"
2. "orderly" means "according to order"
  - a. Josephus used it to describe how the Romans erected their camps
  - b. Josephus used it to describe how the Essenes spoke in turn